

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington D.C.

Briefing Document for Administrator Pruitt

CALL WITH CANADIAN MINISTER CATHERINE MCKENNA

DATE: Monday, May 24, 2017
LOCATION: Administrator's Office
MEETING TIME: 5:30-5:50 PM

I. PURPOSE

Minister Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, requested this call to follow up on previous discussions regarding the modernization of the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement and the upcoming Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) meeting. She is also expected to raise the Paris Agreement, noting the transparency/accountability provisions and economic opportunities for North America. She may also raise support for Great Lakes funding given the President's FY18 budget release.

You met with Minister McKenna on March 16th where the discussion focused on (i) air quality cooperation under the Air Quality Agreement; (ii) water quality cooperation under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; (iii) sharing information on infrastructure projects along the border; and (iv) expectations for the CEC Council Session in June. You also spoke with Minister McKenna by telephone on March 1 when she called to congratulate you on your confirmation as EPA Administrator.

We have conveyed our security concerns with the public sessions of the CEC meeting with the Minister's staff and they want to address these concerns. We have also conveyed that the U.S. is not in position to discuss the Paris Agreement since it is still under review.

II. KEY MESSAGES

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III. PARTICIPANTS

External Attendees

- Catherine McKenna, Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

EPA Staff

- YOU
- Jane Nishida, Office of International and Tribal Affairs (optional)

IV. AGENDA: There is no set agenda for this call.

V. PRESS: This is a closed meeting with no press.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Background information
2. Biography for Minister Catherine McKenna

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Attachment 2

The Honorable Catherine McKenna

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

Catherine McKenna practiced competition and international trade law in Canada and Indonesia and was senior negotiator with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in East Timor. She also served as senior advisor on the former Chief Justice Antonio Lamer's review of Canada's military justice system. Catherine co-founded Canadian Lawyers Abroad, a charitable organization that works in developing countries and with Indigenous communities in Canada. She served as Executive Director of the Banff Forum, a public policy organization for young leaders. Catherine taught at the Munk School of Global Affairs. Catherine has degrees from McGill University and the London School of Economics. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the New York Bar.



Catherine was elected on October 19, 2015 and was appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change on November 4, 2015. Catherine and her husband live in Ottawa with their three children.